China's support to Pakistan on nuclear missile programme

542. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is reported that there is conclusive proof that China *is* persisting with its programme to support Pakistan in its nuclear and missile programme;

(b) is it violation of the Missile Technology Control Regime; and

(c) if so, Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY • OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Pakistan has received nuclear capable M-ll solid fuel missiles from China. It has also acquired technology and components related to the production of solid fuel missiles from China. It is assessed that external assistance to Pakistan's missile programme is continuing.

(b) China is not an adherent to the Missile Technology Control Regime, an *ad hoc* export control regime. However, *it* has agreed, in bilateral consultations with the United States, to abide by some of the MTCR undertakings. The scope of these obligations is still the subject of bilateral discussions between China and the United States.

(c) The Government maintains that continuing external assistance to Pakistan's missile programme despite the existence of various export control regimes and declarations of restraint and restrictions by supplier countries has an adverse effect on India's security. Government remains fully committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard the nation's security in accordance with its own assessment of threats *to* our security.

Emissary to study the situation In Fiji

543. SHRI C. M..IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether Government sent its emissary to study the situation following the recent coup staged by ethnic Fiji rebels, holding the